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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
Stanford University Medical Center
Palo Alto, California

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

At the beginning of this year, RCA entered the field of space biology with the institution of a Life Sciences Program. Some of the areas in which we are interested are those of exobiology and the detection of extra-terrestrial life. This interest encompasses both basic studies and the development of instrumentation. Because of the inter-disciplinary capabilities available within The Corporation, we have been considering the possibility of submitting a study proposal to NASA. In this respect, we have been informed by NASA's Office of Life Science Programs that you have been funded by them to carry out just such studies. At their suggestion, I am contacting you relative to the possibility of a cooperative work effort.

Since I do not know your commitments or if you would be interested in such an arrangement, I should like to suggest arranging an introductory meeting with you where we can discuss this matter. Our schedules are heavy until June, but after then we will be glad to visit your laboratory anytime at your convenience.

Hoping that an early date will be suitable, I shall be looking forward to the pleasure of making your acquaintance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Myron H. Halpern".

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